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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF MEINHOF FROM BERLIN TO STUTTGART

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, SENAT AND POLICE ARE ANXIOUS TO REMOVE CONVICTED ANARCHIST MEINHOF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM BERLIN TO STUTTGART, WHERE SHE IS TO SERVE SENTENCE. SENAT DIRECTOR ULRICH TELEPHONED US PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER MID-AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 29 TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING US AIR FORCE PLANE FOR PURPOSE. HE INDICATED AT TIME THAT EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN CHARTER AIRCRAFT (PAN AM BROUGHT MEINHOF TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BERLIN FOR TRIAL) BUT THAT ONLY POSSIBILITY WAS

DANAIR (BRITISH) 727, WHICH WAS TOO LARGE AND EXPENSIVE. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, WE INFORMED SENAT THAT WE DID NOT WISH AIR FORCE PLANE TO BE USED AND IT SEEMED WORTH EXPENSE TO TAKE AVAILABLE CHARTER.

2. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ IN COURSE OF CALL BY GENERAL HAIG MORNING NOVEMBER 30 RENEWED REQUEST FOR HELP WITH COMMANDANT AND ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF OF MISSION. WE INFORMED HIM OF US POSITION, WHICH WE INDICATED, ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION PREVIOUS EVENING WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH COMMANDANTS, WAS SHARED BY THEM AS WELL: THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN CHARTER. SCHUETZ AGREED AND SAID COST SHOULD NOT BE A CONSIDERATION. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THREE ALLIED SENAT LIAISON OFFICERS WERE SUMMONED BY HEAD OF SENAT POLITICAL SECTION SCHULZE, WHO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN FINDING SMALL CHARTER, KEEPING DANAIR POSSIBILITY IN RESERVE; SCHULZE INDICATED SENAT WAS SLIGHTLY MORE RELAXED AND THOUGHT MONDAY DECEMBER 2 WOULD BE TIME ENOUGH.

3. AT 1800 NOVEMBER 30, US POLAD URGENTLY CALLED BY HEAD OF CHANCERY HERZ, WHO SAID MEINHOF'S CONDITION WAS DETERIORATING AS SHE REFUSED INTRAVENOUS FEEDINGS, AND SENAT FEARED THAT IF SHE WERE NOT MOVED OUT OF BERLIN SOON, COURT WOULD UPHOLD ANY OBJECTION TO TRAVEL. HERZ ALSO INDICATED DANAIR IN LONDON HAD NOW REFUSED TO PERMIT ITS PLANE TO BE USED.

4. THREE ALLIED MISSIONS ARE PURSUING ALL CHARTER POSSIBILITIES. PAN AM HAS REFERRED TO NEW YORK OFFICE SUGGESTION THAT ITS MAIL CARGO FLIGHT BE USED, BUT HAS RECOMMENDED STRONGLY AGAINST TAKING ON RISK OF REPRISAL. SENAT HAS NOT RPT NOT RENEWED REQUEST FOR AIR FORCE PLANE, ALTHOUGH IT MAY WELL DO SO WHEN AND IF CHARTER POSSIBILITIES ARE EXHAUSTED. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CAAS WHO HAVE CONVEYED TO BASC BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR ANY ALLIED CHARTER THAT MAY BE ENGAGED FOR MEINHOF TRANSPORT. SELIGMANN
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